

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL

At a Meeting of **General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee (3)** held in Council Chamber, County Hall, Durham on **Wednesday 7 June 2017 at 10.00 am**

Present:

Councillor P Crathorne (Chair)

Members of the Committee:

Councillors A Batey, J Blakey, C Hampson and J Maitland

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors J Bell and J Considine.

2 Substitute Members

Councillors J Blakey and C Hampson substituted for Councillors J Bell and J Considine.

3 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 29 March 2017 were agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

5 Exclusion of the Public

That under section 100 (A)4 of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A to the said Act.

6 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage Driver

The Chair welcomed the Licence Holder to the meeting and introductions were made.

The Committee considered the report of the Licensing Team Leader which requested Members to determine the ongoing suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the enforcement report. Members and the Licence Holder were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

Durham Constabulary were unable to attend the meeting but had provided a statement containing any information held on their records and Police National Computer.

The Licence Holder was invited to address the Sub-Committee and responded to questions.

All parties were invited to sum up and the Sub-Committee then retired to deliberate the application in private at 10.15 am. After re-convening at 10.25 am the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the Licence Holder be issued with a written warning for a 12 month period.

7 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Private Hire Driver and Operator

The Chair welcomed the Licence Holder and his supporter to the meeting and introductions were made.

The Committee considered the report of the Licensing Team Leader which requested Members to determine the ongoing suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be licensed as a Private Hire Driver and Operator (for copy see file of minutes).

Members were provided with a copy of a written statement made by the Licence Holder.

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the enforcement report. Members and the Licence Holder were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

A representative from Durham Constabulary was unable to attend the meeting but had provided a statement containing any information held on their records and Police National Computer.

The Licence Holder and his supporter were invited to address the Sub-Committee and responded to questions.

An officer from the vehicle testing centre was also in attendance and responded to technical questions in relation to the vehicle failures.

All parties were invited to sum up and the Sub-Committee then retired to deliberate the application in private at 11.00 am. After re-convening at 11.10 am the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the Licence Holder and Operator be issued with a written warning for a 12 month period.

8 Application for the Ongoing Suitability of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver

The Chair welcomed the Licence Holder to the meeting and introductions were made.

The Committee considered the report of the Licensing Team Leader which requested Members to determine the ongoing suitability of the Licence Holder to continue to be licensed as a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver (for copy see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the enforcement report. Members and the Licence Holder were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

A representative from Durham Constabulary was unable to attend the meeting but had provided a statement containing any information held on their records and Police National Computer.

The Licence Holder was invited to address the Sub-Committee and responded to questions.

All parties were invited to sum up and the Sub-Committee then retired to deliberate the application in private at 11.25 am. After re-convening at 11.35 am the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That no further action be taken.

9 Application for the Grant of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence

The Chair welcomed the applicant to the meeting and introductions were made.

The Committee considered the report of the Licensing Team Leader which requested Members to consider an application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver's Licence (for copy see file of minutes).

The Licensing Enforcement Officer presented the enforcement report. Members and the Licence Holder were given the opportunity to ask questions of the Officer.

A representative from Durham Constabulary was unable to attend the meeting but had provided a statement containing any information held on their records and Police National Computer.

The applicant was invited to address the Sub-Committee and responded to questions.

All parties were invited to sum up and the Sub-Committee then retired to deliberate the application in private at 12 noon. After re-convening at 12.10 pm the Chair delivered the Sub-Committee's decision.

Resolved: That the application be refused as the applicant was not deemed to be a fit and proper person.